



**Ascension Island Government  
Conservation and Fisheries Directorate**

**BIOSECURITY**

**Guidelines for importers of vehicles, machinery and tyres**

These guidelines accompany the Import Health Standard for the importation of VEHICLES, MACHINERY AND TYRES into Ascension Island.

While vehicles, machinery and tyres are not themselves invasive or pests, they are capable of carrying weed seeds and disease-causing microbes in encrusted mud and dirt, and harbouring potentially harmful insects, spiders and mites, hidden away in nooks and crannies. They therefore pose a biosecurity risk which these standards are designed to minimise.

- You **do not** require an import licence to import vehicles, machinery and tyres into Ascension.
- They must, however, meet specified import standards.
- It is your responsibility to make sure the supplier or packer has a copy of the corresponding import health standard and understands that vehicles, machinery and tyres must be thoroughly cleaned, both internally and externally, before arrival in Ascension.
- It is your responsibility to ensure they are clean and free of all quarantine risk material including live insects, seeds, soil, mud, clay, animal faeces, animal material and plant material such as straw, twigs, leaves, roots, bark, food refuse and other debris prior to arrival in Ascension.
- Extra care must be taken to ensure vehicle and machinery wheel arches are clear of soil and mud.
- Tyres on rims must be inflated. All tyres must be dry as water can harbour mosquito larvae.
- On arrival they may be inspected by a Biosecurity Officer.
- If they fail to meet the import health standards you are required to clean them or have them cleaned to an acceptable standard, at your expense.
- If live insects are found, treatment will be required at your own expense.
- Badly contaminated items may be refused entry to Ascension.
- Further information can be obtained from:

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